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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop <u>AF</u> Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

The following is a summary of a telephonic interview conducted on September 19, 2006 between Examiner James M. Hannett and Applicant's representative, Safet Metjahic. Initially Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting Applicant's representative a telephone interview.

During the interview, applicant's representative explained how MIYAMOTO and KONDO worked and how their teachings differed from the recitations of independent claims 1, 10 and 13. Applicant's representative further explained how any combination of MIYAMOTO and KONDO, including any proper combination with the HIYASHI and TSANG patents, would fail to teach or suggest the recitations of independent claims 1,

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10 and 13. Applicant's representative additionally pointed out that there is no motivation

to combine the references without hindsight reasoning.

The Examiner disagreed and referred to KONDO's abstract for support for his

position that a motivation existed. The Examiner, however, recommended to Applicant's

representative to amend the independent claims to include the details of the

interpolation method discussed at page 14 of the specification in order to overcome the

current grounds for rejection.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response,

or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the

below-listed telephone number.

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